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Applicant : Dikstein et al.

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Title : A TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR TFIID SUBUNIT, TAFII105, POLYPEPTIDES,
DNA ENCODING THEREFOR AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed December 3, 2002, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction of Group I and Group XVI, as set forth below:

Group I: Claims 1-2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, and 18-19, drawn to a DNA molecule encoding a fragment of the wild type TAF₁₁ 105 polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment of the wild type polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:1, an expression vector comprising said DNA molecule, and an antisense of SEQ ID NO:1;

Group XVI: Claim 17, drawn to a method for promotion of apoptosis, comprising administering an antisense sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

I. TRAVERSAL AND REQUESTED JOINDER OF GROUPS I AND XVI.

Applicants respectfully request joinder of Groups I and XVI in the present invention as a search of the combined groups would not create an undue burden upon the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that a search of the subject matter of Group I would encompass searching antisense molecules of SEQ ID NO:1. A search of Group XVI would encompass a search of antisense molecules for SEQ ID NO:1 and methods of promoting apoptosis. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that joinder of Group I and XVI in the present application would not create an undue search burden on the Examiner.

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